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DEPT PLEASE PASS MORRIS PALADINO, AAFLI-WASHINGTON
FROM WEAST

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AAFLI

QUOTE

1. HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM AT HIS HOME IN NEW DELHI MORNING MARCH THREE. INTEND LEAVE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM WITH HIM, WITH APPROPRIATE MODIFICATION IF FORTUNATE ENOUGH MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HMS. BODY OF MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:

2. "THE ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) IS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING A PERMANENT OFFICE IN INDIA. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

3. "THE ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE WAS FOUNDED BY THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR/CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (AFL-CIO) IN 1968. THROUGH IT THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT OFFERS FREE AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONS THROUGHOUT ASIA SELF-HELP AID WHICH FOSTERS THEIR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AS VIGOROUS, SELF-RELIANT, RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, IT CONTRIBUTES TO THIS DEVELOPMENT IN FOUR BASIC WAYS:

4. "(1) BY EDUCATING AND TRAINING UNION OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT OF UNION LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, ADMINIS-

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TRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS;

5. "(2) BY DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING UNION-SPONSORED SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS;

6. "(3) BY PROVIDING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ESSENTIAL TO CARRYING OUT BOTH TRADE UNION EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROJECTS;

7. "(4) BY COOPERATING RAPIDLY WITH LOCAL EFFORTS TO MEET PRESSING NEEDS.

8. "FUNDS FOR THE INSTITUTE'S PROGRAMS COME FROM THE AFL-CIO AND ITS AFFILIATED UNIONS AND FROM THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. AAFLI'S PROGRAMS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION ARE WHOLLY CONTROLLED BY THE INSTITUTE'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHOSE ALL-LABOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THE PRESIDENTS OF 15 INTERNATIONAL UNIONS AND THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE AFL-CIO.

9. "AAFLI MAINTAINS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE INTUC AND SPONSORED A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1974 BY INTUC PRESIDENT BHAGAVATI. IT ALSO HAS THE SAME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH HMS AND HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT PROGRAMS JOINTLY WITH SOME HMS OFFICIALS AND UNIONS, E.G., P.L. PERUMAL AND THE NEELAMALAI PLANTATION WORKERS UNION. AAFLI HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH THE LABOUR EDUCATION SERVICE OF BOMBAY, HEADED BY V.B. KARNIK AND MANIBEN KARA. MY ORGANIZATION ALSO MAINTAINS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS IN INDIA.

10. "AAFLI DERIVES NO MATERIAL BENEFIT FROM THE AID IT FURNISHES. IT HAS COSTS BUT NO PROFITS. THEREFORE, WE WOULD WISH TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SUCH AS HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THIS TYPE PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL TAXATION AND CUSTOMS TREATMENT. THE MINISTRIES WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST INTERESTED IN OUR WORK WOULD INCLUDE YOUR OWN, THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, AND, OF COURSE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

11. "THIS MEMORANDUM IS INTENDED TO GIVE YOU A GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT AAFLI IS AND DOES. I AND MY ORGANIZATION STAND READY TO FURNISH YOU WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY REQUIRE."
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END MEMO.

12. PLEASE CABLE IN TIME TO REACH ME IN NEW DELHI ON SATURDAY, MARCH ONE WHETHER APPROVE AND INDICATE SPECIFICALLY YOUR DESIRES FOR CHANGES IN TEXT, IF ANY. STEVE BLOCK WILL SEE YOUR MESSAGE REACHES ME ON THAT DAY. WEAST
UNQUOTE.
SCHNEIDER

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